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Application No.: 10789395
Date of Amendment: March 27, 2006
Date Office Action Mailed: January 27, 2006

REMARKS

The Examiner's attention to the application is appreciated. Brief reconsideration is respectfully requested solely for the purposes of placing allowable subject matter in the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 16, 19, 22-28, 31-34, 44, 46, 91-93, and 95 are now pending in the application.

Claims 1-15, 17-18, 20-21, 29-30, 35-43, 45, 47-90, 94, and 96 have been canceled without prejudice to pursuing the subject matter thereof in a continuation application.

Amendment to Place Allowable Subject Matter in Condition for Allowance

In both the first Office Action mailed July 25, 2005 and the final Office Action mailed January 27, 2006, Claims 19, 31, 33-35, 64, 76, and 78-80 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Of these allowable claims, Claims 19, 31, 33, and 34 have been rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim, except that it is noted that with particular respect to Claim 19, the intervening Markush grouping of original Claim 18 has not been included because the subject matter of allowable Claim 19 is directed to one of the species in that intervening Markush grouping.

The Claims 16, 44, 46, 91-93 have been amended to depend from independent Claim 19.

The subject matter of Claims 22-28, 32, and 95 have been amended to depend from independent Claim 33.

No new matter has been added.

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Conclusion

It is believed that Claims 16, 19, 22-28, 31-34, 44, 46, 91-93, and 95 are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can normally be reached at the telephone number given below.

The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3037. A duplicate copy of this fee authorization sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

Dated: March 27, 2006

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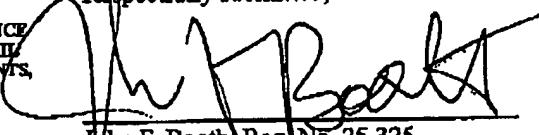
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